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Intimations.

V.R.C. SPORTS.

Twelfth Athletic Meeting.

We append the results of the V.R.C. sports after we went to press on Saturday.

It was extremely disappointing to the spectators that in the quarter and half mile events none of the competitors turned out to try serious conclusions with Andrews, the champion runner of the Buffs. If, as it certainly appeared, they were afraid of the result going against them, their lack of sportsmanship cannot be too strongly condemned. There were those present at the sports on Saturday who were under the impression that Andrews is not an amateur, but this is distinctly opposed to the facts of the case. When he arrived in the Colony he endeavoured to become a member of the A.A.A., but he was debarred on the grounds that he had taken money prizes at regimental sports. Thereupon he wrote laying the case before the Pretoria committee of the South Africa Association, which body wrote the Secretary of the Hongkong A.A.A. pointing out that a soldier was allowed to run for money at any regimental meeting and still retain his amateur status. On receipt of this letter the Secretary informed Andrews that he had been made a member of the local A.A.A. He was therefore clearly eligible as competitor at the V.R.C. sports.

210 YARDS FLAT RACE. (Handicap).
A. E. Coombes ... 1
J. F. Castro ... 2
In the final the race was a dead heat and when these two competitors ran again Coombes finished and Castro gave up shortly after the start.

GIRLS' RACE (100 Yards, Handicap).
P. Almada ... 1
E. Summers ... 2

440 YARDS FLAT-RACE. (Challenge Cup). —Presented by Mr H. N. Mody.
A. W. Andrews ... 1
Only Andrews turned out and an exhibition was given, Andrews doing the distance in 51, 1⅘ sec.

BICYCLE RACE Three Miles (Handicap).
J. Forbes, (scr.) ... 1
J. McCrae, (50 yds.) ... 2
Time 9m. 32secs.

BOYS RACE.- (440 Yards).
D. Almada ... 1
J. Wray ... 2
It was unfortunate for Wray, who was going strongly and was a likely winner, that a terrier got in his way and this retarded his progress somewhat.

HALF-MILE FLAT RACE.—(Scratch).
A. W. Andrews ... 1
A. R. Ellis ... 2
Time 2m. 00⅘ sec.

SACK RACE.—(50 Yards).
Marsh, (Buffs) ... 1

ONE MILE FLAT RACE.—(Handicap).
D. MacCrae (120 yds.) ... 1
J. Forbes, (100 yds.) ... 2
J. M. Dyer (25 yds.) ... 3
A. R. Ellis (scr.) ... 4
Time 4m. 50⅘ sec.

CONSOLATION RACE.—(120 Yards).
D. Soares, ... 1
At the close of the sports Mrs Forsythe kindly presented the prizes and cheers were accorded to her.

SKIRMISHING IN TONKIN.

The campaign against the brigands in Upper Tonkin proceeds on lines which have so far ensured success. The military chiefs, who seek to serve the brigands into surrendering, have cut off their supplies wherever practicable. The brigands pinched by hunger recklessly risk their lives in foraging and are shot down at sight. Many have surrendered to save themselves from starvation. All food supplies are removed from the villages near the outpost line, and stored at safe places, under watch so that only the right people can provision themselves. The brigands, with food running short, can neither beg, borrow, nor steal to support themselves. Other villages liable to be raided have been supplied with arms for defence against the outlaws. The result is that the latter, along with the refugee Chinese revolutionists, who have joined them, are hard pressed indeed. The leading revolutionist, one of Dr Sun Yat Sen's trusted lieutenants, has surrendered along with his men.

Business Notices.

NOTICE.

MR CLAUDIUS PRAVIEUX's engagement with our Firm having terminated the 28th February, 1909, his authority to sign per Procuration then ceased.
Messrs F. H. F. CARTER and O. BARTON are hereby authorised to sign for the Firm jointly per Procuration as from the date.
HARRISON DENT & CO.
Canton, April 1, 1909.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

MR T. I. ROSE having resigned the position of Secretary, MR G. A. CALDWELL has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY from this date.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
H. P. WHITE,
Acting Chairman.
Hongkong, April 10, 1909. 502

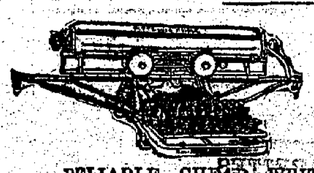
HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, the 17th April, 1909, at 12.30 P.M., at the Offices of the Jockey Club on the ground floor of the Hongkong Club Annexe, Chater Road.
By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, April 3, 1909. 474

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

PATRON:—H. E. SIR FREDERICK LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.
CONCERT,
FRIDAY, April 23rd, at 9.15 p.m., IN THE CITY HALL.
THE WRECK OF THE HESPERUS, (Hamish MacCunn).
ON JHELUM RIVER.....(Finden).
and other Items.
Tickets $3 at the ROBINSON PIANO CO., LTD.
Hongkong, April 7, 1909. 493



STEP BY STEP;

OR

FURTHER ENQUIRY INTO CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

BY M. M. BUTLER.

I.

COMMON SENSE AND RELIGIOUS INCONSISTENCY.

It seems clear that Christian Science is a subject on which information is wanted by many people in many places. This is an age of unrest, and people have not yet analysed, and got to the bottom of, what is the cause—the root and core—of the unrest. When they do, I think it will be found that the *failure of materialism* to satisfy is at the root of the world's unrest. It is in general the people who reach the goal to which they have given every thought, devoted their whole life, who first discover this. Within the last two years, how many millionaires have committed suicide, how many marriages have ended in the Divorce Court, how many people (it is not known) have attained whatever they had made their heart's desire, only to find that desire dead sea apples? The poet who wrote,—

> We look before and after,
> And pine for what is not,

knew a great deal about human nature—or, rather, mortal mind. To this age, which is vaguely feeling after something restful, satisfying, comes—Christian Science. As, step by step, one advances in the study of it one realises it is what the world wants. Through all history, from Moses to our own time, when the world has wanted a deliverer, a leader, or a reformer, God has provided in His own time, and His own way, for that want to be supplied. But, alas! it has generally been the succeeding generations who have recognised the God-given gifts. Three hundred years or so ago the world was athirst for God's Word: Martin Luther came, unchained the Bible, and gave it to the people. Now, to this Materialistic age, a woman has been sent to declare spiritual truths, and to teach that man, being God's spiritual creation, can find peace, health, and happiness only through a knowledge of spiritual truths. To-day that woman is leading, like Moses of old, tens of thousands of people out of a dark Egypt of Materialism into a spiritual Canaan. Happy they who are following in that throng, shaking from them as they leave the land of bondage the fetters—the false beliefs—that bound them, to take up the glorious liberty of free-born citizens of a spiritual Kingdom of Promise (the promise of the "Truth shall make you free"). Not this generation, perhaps, nor the next, will fully realise what Christian Science is doing, and has come to do in the world.

All history is progressive. We look back with a smile at the poor ancient Britons who believed in the mistletoe as a sovereign remedy for every disease; and the succeeding generations when superstition was rife, and every silly remedy possible, even the hair of the dog that bit you, was employed to heal disease. Just so, the people of the 30th Century (when every school-child will be taught the science of divine metaphysics) will look back and smile at the people of the 20th Century, who put their faith in a little black pill, or blue pills, or a dose of this tincture or that tincture, to heal their many diseases, when the greatest Physician the world has ever known, or ever will know, taught that mind heals matter. Are there greater men on the earth to-day than He, that we should believe in drug healing, and disbelieve in metaphysical healing? One must be right and the other wrong—two opposites cannot both alike be right. Is *Materia Medica* right and Jesus of Nazareth wrong? Is it once recorded that He pointed to a herb of the field or a mineral, and taught the people who crowded round him, this is good for one disease, and that for another? Knowing the property and use of everything His Father had created so much better than anyone else, was it not a strange omission that He should never have told the people the remedy for all their diseases lay around them, and have taught them how to use them? Was it not because He knew there was no power in material means—God—Divine Mind was the healer of all their diseases? It is recorded of one who lived some thousands of years ago that he was diseased in his feet: "Yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians: *And* (as a consequence) *Asa slept with his fathers.*" The record is short, but, taken with the healing work performed by the prophets, proves conclusively that the science which is to-day becoming better known as Christian Science, was understood in those days under another name—"Trusting in the Lord."

The message which Christian Science is proclaiming to the world to-day is no new message: sickness, sorrow, suffering, poverty, burdens of any description never have been, and never can be the Will of God. The message that was once before given, close upon three thousand years ago, through the prophet Jeremiah runs thus: "Because ye say this word, The burden of the Lord, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say the burden of the Lord; therefore behold I, even I, will utterly forget you . . . And as for the prophet, and the priest and the people that shall say, The burden of the Lord, I will even punish that man and his house. . . . The burden of the Lord shall ye mention no more. . . . "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil." What a beautiful message! Yet our spiritual pastors and masters have taught us (and are still teaching) to bow our heads in meek submission when the "burden of the Lord," either of sickness or of poverty, is particularly heavy. A few weeks ago a Bishop preaching in London asked this question: "Why was it that God, although he loved the child born in Hoxton as much as the child born in Mayfair, gave such an unequal lot to the children whom they were taught He equally loved?"

The youngest student in Christian Science would smile at that question. God being the source of supply, how can He be the cause of lack? Could the sun, which is the source of light, ever be the cause of darkness? Is there a person who would say, God has not provided enough [illegible]

the chaos in the solar systems if one law governed one set of constellations, and a directly opposite law another set? One law does not govern one class of disease and another law another class. You have, perhaps, a corn which causes great discomfort in walking. Do you say, It is God's Will. I must bear it? No! You attribute it to an ill-fitting pair of shoes, and wish you had never made the acquaintance of those shoes. Someone is suffering with cancer; when it is found to be incurable, they bow to the seeming inevitable, and say: "It is God's Will." Yet God no more caused the cancer than the corn to appear. You have, perhaps, a friend who is intemperate. Do you say it is God's Will that he or she should be a drunkard? Yet dipsomania is as much a disease as cancer or consumption. Is this common-sense? Is it logical reasoning or is it illogical? Why should it be only incurable diseases which are ascribed as the Will of God? If disease in any form is sent by God, either for our temporal or spiritual welfare, it would be (as I heard a lecturer say) our duty to bear it, and not even to try to get out of it. To believe it is God's Will is "an indictment of the whole medical profession;" for they are trying in every possible manner to controvert and annul it. Is this consistent? or is it inconsistent?

We speak of someone bearing a long-lingering illness with "Christian resignation." Where and when did Jesus the Christ admonish anyone to be patient under affliction, because it was the Father's Will they should be afflicted? How and when—in what year of the world's history—was it first thought to be the Will of the God, whose name is Love, that His people should suffer bodily affliction? It is so frequently argued that people develop such beautiful traits of character, such patience, such humility, such godliness, when they are afflicted, which they never would have acquired without a long lingering illness. That may be so; but it is far from being a proof that it is, therefore, their Father's Will for them to suffer. There is a better way to acquire every beautiful trait of character, and that is by a knowledge and love of their Father's Will. Does human father love most the children who have to be flogged or punished into obedience; or those children who, through love, seek to know his will, and are obedient to it? And is it not better to see people well and happy while acquiring these estimable traits of character instead of struggling with "Christian resignation" to acquire them?

If, as is stated, in the first chapter of Genesis, God gave man dominion over every living thing "that moveth upon the earth," two things must be clear: First, that it was a changeless decree and can never have been altered or withdrawn; secondly, that that God-given dominion included man's own body. There was no exception made: "every living thing that *moveth*." Yet man has not, or believes that he has not, dominion over his own body. He believes himself in the power of a hydraheaded monster called disease, which can at any moment draw him within its clutches, and all the laws of health and hygiene cannot banish that monster from the land. Man is under the dominion of disease in its many forms. Now, Christian Science teaches, and proves what it teaches, that the dominion, which God gave man in the beginning, is his to-day: destroy the belief in its reality, and you destroy the disease, and regain the dominion which should never have been lost. Naturally it is not an easy matter to destroy a belief (the belief in its reality) which is the growth of centuries. Yet it can be done, and is being done; for it is this knowledge that is freeing thousands from the thraldom of disease. But if this God-given dominion is voluntarily surrendered in any way whatsoever, it is entirely lost. No one in subjection to drugs, strong drink, sensuality in any form, could demonstrate over sickness or disease, either for themselves or others. Anything, be it drug or smoking, becomes sin as soon as it holds the mastery, or dominion, over the will of a person.

A few weeks ago I heard a very interesting testimony given by a medical man at the Third Church of Christ, Scientist. He commenced by saying that if he followed his own inclination he should say nothing, but a sense of duty prompted him to testify what Christian Science had done for him. He had been a great drunkard, and had had one or more attacks of delirium tremens. He had done all he could to cure himself, and had failed. He had voluntarily become an inmate of two Inebriate Homes, had put himself under the care of a hypnotist doctor, and had also tried drug treatment. All to no purpose. Worse attacks than before followed each attempt to shake off the power drink had over him.

Then someone suggested Christian Science. He met the suggestion with one word: "Bosh!" Afterwards, thinking the subject over, and realising that it couldn't do him any harm, he said he would give it a six weeks' trial. He consulted a practitioner, and after the first treatment the desire for strong drink left him, and had never returned. He knew now that it never would return. Four years had passed since then, and words could not express the gratitude which he felt to Christian Science. But it will be asked: What was the treatment? Is it not clear? The practitioner's knowledge and realisation of the truth that "evil is not power"—God (good) and God's ideas alone govern and stand fast for ever—gave back to that man his lost birth-right. Man's "birth-right is dominion, not subjection. He is lord of the belief in earth and heaven, himself subordinate alone to his Maker" (*Science and Health*, p. 518).

To realise this at all times and under all circumstances would destroy fear. Few people, perhaps, realise how much they are governed by fear in some shape or form: fear of disease, fear of death; whilst the one thing which should be most feared is often the least—sin.

There is a pretty story told of a little girl who had always been taught that God was everywhere, therefore she need never fear darkness. She was sent one evening for some purpose to a dark room. At the door she stood reluctant to enter. Then, just peeping in, she said, "Dear God, are you there?"

Something spoke to her consciousness; for afterwards she fearlessly entered.

What are we all but children of a larger growth peering into the black darkness of the great unknown, fearful and afraid, yet unable to grasp the fact that would ask a question and receive the answer? Across this (to mortal eyes) gulf of black darkness Christian Science throws a ray of light, and proves not only that God is there, but that God is Love, therefore we have nothing to fear.

Now let us for a moment return to the [illegible]

mountains, perhaps the trees, and the softly gliding river—what does common-sense tell us? Why, of course the earth *is flat and stationary.*

Astronomical science sweeps away common-sense, and declares: The earth is round, and is revolving through space, at a tremendous pace. The man who first declared this to be so was deemed a madman and imprisoned. Yet to-day it is an accepted fact. And just as surely will the scientific facts which Christian Science is proclaiming be accepted by future generations.

Common sense tells us that matter is substance and *real*. Christian Science says:—

"The realm of the real is Spirit. The unlikeness of Spirit is matter, and the opposite of the real is not divine—it is a human concept. . . . Nothing we can say or believe regarding matter is immortal, for matter is temporal and is therefore a mortal phenomenon, a human concept, sometimes beautiful, always erroneous" (Science and Health, p. 277).

"Spirit is the only substance, the invisible and indivisible infinite God. Things spiritual and eternal are substantial. Things material and temporal are insubstantial. p. 335. "The visible universe and material man are the poor counterfeits of the invisible universe and spiritual man." p. 337. "Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore, man is not material; he is spiritual." p. 468.

What Mrs. Eddy wrote forty years ago physical science is now proving by means of the röntgen rays to be true. What becomes of flesh when the X-rays are turned upon it? It disappears. In a few years, it is expected, under still more powerful rays, bone will also disappear. What then becomes of material man? Illusion! "A thing of thought" (Prof. Oswald). Even Shakespeare wrote so many years ago: "We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with a sleep."

Now, if science proves flesh to be unreal and spirit the only reality, what about disease? You cannot attach a real flag to a phantom ship. Therefore, all that can be said about disease is that it, too, is illusion—"A thing of thought." If we can grasp this as a fact, we can understand how disease is being healed without material means, and the futility of diagnosing disease. The belief in the reality of even cancer or consumption will disappear as the knowledge that man is spiritual, not material, gains the ascendancy. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood" (Ephesians).

How many decades passed before the belief in the rotundity of the world, and its amazing velocity, took the place of the old erroneous belief, it would be interesting to know. Close upon two thousand years have passed since Jesus of Nazareth promised: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." That the truth He meant has now been revealed to the world is proved by the thousands of people who have been freed from the fetters of every kind of disease. On the lowest computation, five thousand people testify every Wednesday evening in one thousand Christian Science churches that they have been healed, and they are only a proportion, as a great number never give testimony. The testimonies include cases of every known disease—and few people, outside Christian Science, ask for treatment until they realise there is no hope for them from any other source. The inconsistency of people in refusing to accept facts such as these is markedly manifest when in the orthodox churches we hear these familiar words: "The prayers of the congregation are desired for M. or N." Two or three hundred people, perhaps, kneel down while the clergyman reads a prayer that M. or N., who is dangerously ill, may be restored to health. Now in what way is it supposed that God will hear and answer those prayers? In what way does God, who says, I am the Lord that healeth all thy diseases, work? Is the surgeon's knife, or some drug, necessary, to help Him to grant their request? Is God all powerful, yet dependent on man and matter to heal disease? In the beginning it is written, "The spirit of God moved on the face of the waters"—and gave life to everything that had life. If to-day, even in this enlightened twentieth century, the Spirit of God ceased to move on the dry land as well as on the waters, life in any form would cease to be: "In Him we live and move and have our being."

How many amongst that kneeling congregation expect any result from the "prayers of the congregation?" They possess too much common sense to believe in spiritual healing, yet they petition the most high God to restore some dearly beloved brother or sister to health, whilst they have faith only in the doctor and material means. This is more than inconsistency, it is a pitiful mockery.

I have been one amongst such a congregation more times than I could possibly count, yet I have never once known the friends of the invalid, on their return home, find him or her restored to health. No one ever expected such a thing to happen.

In the few months that I have been investigating Christian Science I have heard of many cases of instantaneous healing, and personally known several.

If Christian Science were doing no other work than "to shame Christians for having neglected certain portions of the truth revealed to them" (Bishop Gore), it would be doing a great work. The Churches are awaking to the fact that they have divided the seamless robe: "Preach the Gospel and heal the sick."

Yet it is asked: "Is Christian Science a religion?" Next week I will try, however inadequately, to answer this question.

It must be clearly understood I am not a member of a Christian Science Church, and I hold no mandate, nor, indeed am I in any way authorized by the Committee of Publication to write on the subject. I am giving the result of my enquiries as simply as I can, in the first place, because so many people are interested in the subject; secondly, because I am convinced no movement for many centuries has been so maligned, misrepresented, and misunderstood as Christian Science.

I had the pleasure, a short time ago, of meeting and talking with one of London's scientific men. He told me he had always declined when friends invited him to investigate Christian Science, because there was nothing [illegible] on a material basis. However, later, in the course of his laboratory work he contracted lead poisoning, and was slowly dying of it. Several doctors did their best for him, then told him it was hopeless. More than that, they said it was absolutely impossible he could live beyond a certain time, which [illegible]

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 11th April to the 21st April, both days inclusive.)

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 24, 1909. 422

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

'That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society be respectively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing.'

Should the above Special Resolution be duly passed, it will be subsequently submitted for confirmation to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, of which Notice will be hereafter given.

Prints of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association can be seen at the Society's Offices or obtained on application there.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 30, 1909. 447

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April 1909, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 7th April to 21st April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 26, 1909. 443

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at 12.45 P.M., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

'That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company be respectively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing.'

Should the above Special Resolution be duly passed, it will be subsequently submitted for confirmation to a further extraordinary General Meeting, of which Notice will be hereafter given.

Prints of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association can be seen at the Company's Offices or obtained on application there.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 30, 1909. 448

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 24th APRIL, 1909, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1909, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th April, 1909, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 7, 1909. 488

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Subscribed Capital	£2,750,000	
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II—Fire Funds	3,065,874 16 7	
III—Life & Annuity Funds	14,315,842 10 3	
Sinking Fund Account	45,907 5 1	
	£18,114,624 11 1	
Revenue Fire Branch	£2,230,652 13 1	
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Hongkong, February 8, 1908. 21

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The result of battle practice in the Fleet for 1908 has now been issued as a Parliamentary Paper. This is the long-range test, carried out at about 8,000 yards, or over 4½ miles. The Home Fleet occupies the position of honour of the several commands, with the battleship-cruiser *Indomitable* as "top ship" of the whole Navy, with the splendid record of 562·5 points. The practice in this Fleet was carried out by 21 ships with 268 heavy guns, and the result worked out at an average score per ship of 285·2 points. Second position in the Fleet is taken by the China Fleet, which was first in the gun-layers,—or short range—test last year. Four ships, with 60 guns made an average of 219·7 points, the score being headed by the flagship *King Alfred*, which, with two 9·2 in. and 16·6 in. guns, scored 296.8 points, the *Kent* being a good second with 285 7 points. The Mediterranean Fleet, which comes third, averaged 196·9 points. With 12 ships and 166 guns, the battleship *Glory* holding first place with a score of 303.6 points, made with four 12 in. guns and 12.6 in. quick-firing guns. The Channel Fleet is fourth, and the Atlantic fleet sixth. The Admiralty, while pointing out that the conditions of the practice presented considerably greater difficulty than in 1907, note their satisfaction that such good results were obtained.

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FRIDAY, April 23:—
9.15 p.m.—Concert of H.K. Philharmonic Society at City Hall.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1909.

DANCING.

WHAT a very considerable part the art of dancing has played in the history of the world only students perhaps really know. It was a mystic dance, a dance of waving hands and woven paces, according to Japanese legend, which induced the Sun-goddess to come forth from the cave of blackest night into which her brother's outrageous rudeness had driven her, which saved the Earth from being condemned to revolve for ever in the regions of eternal gloom. It was a similar Sun dance which the ancient Caledonians wove around their Baal fires on Midsummer Eve and at the passing of the equinox at spring and autumn, again to propitiate the great luminary of Day. East and West, North and South, in legend, sacred writing or folk story we gather the religious and ritualistic significance attached to dancing in the earliest phases of civilization as well as in later times. The Jews had their sacred and choric dances down to the final sacking of Jerusalem by TITUS, and the ancient cult of Japan, Shinto, the Way of the Gods, still relies upon the mystical effects produced in the course of certain festivals by the sacred danseuses, as a very important adjunct to the ritual.

But dancing as understood by Europeans and Americans has long lost its religious significance. It is now principally looked upon as affording a pleasureable diversion, or as an aid to graceful deportment. In America during the last three or four years educationists have suddenly been smitten with the idea that dancing should find a recognised place in the school curriculum, and we read that in New York alone 3,000 school-children and 75 teachers take part in the daily dancing lessons. The idea of teaching dancing in the schools has also taken hold in Chicago and is being copied in other cities. The object of the dance in schools is to give the girls the same sort of healthful exercise as the boys take in gymnasiums, and at the same time invest them with an accomplishment, habit or aberration, as the case may be, that will prove of advantage to them in later life.

The idea is based on the sound belief that properly directed play is of far more advantage in physical development than calculated exercise. It is the romping of the kittens of the cat tribe that develops the sleek sinews of the tiger, and conceals them in a grace that no human being can approach, no matter how persistently he trains or practises. So with the children, the dancing, which seems just fun for them, proves of the utmost value in strengthening their muscles, improving their lung power and heart action and rounding their limbs. When the weather permits, the dancing lessons are given out-of-doors, where there is not the disadvantage of dust stirred up underfoot to be inhaled by the dancer. The folk dances of Russia and Sweden appear to be the most popular with the children, because they are made up of vigorous movements and are a capital outlet for the energy and enthusiasm of the youngsters. These folk dances correspond to the "barn dances" which find recognition in a modern ball programme. They are sharply in contrast to the school of dancing which is being introduced with so much success on the stage by MAUD ALLAN and her imitators. Although the "Salome" dance is denounced and criticized, there can be no doubt that the new school of dancing will place the art on a higher plane than it has attained in modern times. The origin of these dances, which are somewhat crudely described as "toe dances," goes back to the seventeenth century, if, indeed, it is not as old as dancing itself. But more than 200 years ago there were dances to the suites of BACH, HANDEL and others. A pioneer in this sort of dance was EMMA, Lady HAMILTON, the enslaver of NELSON. From studying the mural paintings unearthed by her husband, Sir WILLIAM HAMILTON, in Italy, she invented an original and beautiful dance. In this respect she has a modern counterpart in Mrs LOW WALL MOORE, an American sculptress, who copies poses from the old Grecian vases which she weaves into a dance. She has recreated the old Greek drama dances, and has become an authority on some phases of Greek history from her researches. The classical ballet is what Mdlle. GENEE, the Danish dancer, calls the steps which she has devised, and whose rhythm expresses an almost infinite variety of emotions. MARY GARDEN, ISADORA DUNCAN and MAUD ALLAN are other leaders in this modern school of dancing, which aim to interpret some of the greatest musical works into terms of motion, just as a poet might strive to translate them in terms of speech.

Though these dances are a development of only three or four years, they are, after all, a return to the earliest history of the dance, when people danced to express emotions of various kinds, and not simply to amuse themselves. All the religious dances—those which MIRIAM led in the wilderness, or which the priestesses of Egypt, Assyria and Greece danced in the groves and pavilions of their various cults—were expressed more by motions of the arms and flexions of the body than movements of the feet, and were then, as now, done to the accompaniment of music. It was such a dance that VIVIEN must have used when she ensnared MERLIN.

The modern revival of dancing as an art occurred in Italy in the fifteenth century. The ballet was transplanted to France by CATHERINE DE MEDICI, where it has flourished ever since. In 1812 the waltz was first evolved in Germany, and quickly spread over all the civilised world. It displaced, much to the horror and disgust of Lord BYRON and the men of his day, the beautiful old minuets and other square dances, and still remains unparalleled in popularity. The two-step, which has had considerable vogue in the past twenty years, is an American invention, and the truly horrible and inartistic coke walk is also claimed by the United States, although some people believe that it originated in Hungary. Twenty years ago it seemed as if dancing was going to be a lost art so far, at least, as the sterner sex were concerned, but a great change has come about in recent years and it is almost a reproach nowadays for a man of the middle and upper classes not to know something about the art as practised in the ball-room. So whether we look upon dancing as merely a form of exercise, a graceful art, or a means of expressing pleasureable emotion, it is equally worthy of our attention and regard, while to the student it forms a link with the past of unsurpassed interest.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Lance-Corpl Andrews, of the Buffs, who was to have run in the 220 yards championship race in connection with the Lusitano Club sports this afternoon, last night had the misfortune to fall down some steps at Murray Barracks and dislocate his shoulder.

The annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society will be held in the Association Rooms on Tuesday evening, at 9 p.m. Members are requested to make an effort to be present on this occasion, as business of importance concerning the future of the Society will come before the meeting. A committee for the ensuing year will be elected.

Mr William Lundon, Nationalist M.P. for Limerick County East since 1900, is dead. He took an active part in the Fenian movement, and served three years in prison, after which he took a hand in the fighting in Canada. Returning to Ireland he was again imprisoned for his share in the Land League outrages, after which he quieted down and entered Parliament.

A shocking case of amok is reported from Dutch East Borneo, early in March. Three native hawkers were busy collecting amounts due to them at a riverside village when the inhabitants disagreed with the hawkers, and killed two of them. The surviving dealer, on finding that his comrades had been murdered, ran amok and killed fourteen persons. What became of him afterwards is unknown.

The steamers Montfort and Montrose, large twin screw, steel, fourmasted vessels, the type of the Monteagle, now used in the intermediate service of the Canadian Pacific Railway to the Orient, the latter much larger, are to be transferred from the Atlantic to the trans-Pacific service of the Canadian Pacific. The steamers Lennox and Glenfarg, which were used for some months on time charters, have ended their engagements, and the Montfort and Montrose will replace them.

The reduction of wages and the stoppage of work at several collieries is causing grave anxiety among miners in Scotland. Two thousand more men have been thrown out of work by the closing of the Aberaman, Mardy, and Rhymney collieries. In all the districts of Scotland miners' wages have been reduced by 6½ per cent., the wage being thus lowered to six shillings per shift, the rate for pit labourers being also reduced. It is computed that 100,000 workers are subjected to the alteration, which has been brought about by the low selling price of coal in Scotland.

A telegram from Peshawar reports great excitement in the Amir's camp at Jellalabad, consequent on the discovery of a plot to assassinate the Amir, the Heir Apparent, Sardar Inayatullah, and other members of the Royal Family. Arrests have been made at Kabul and Jellalabad and military precautions taken. Rumour credits a share in the conspiracy to Bibi Halima, the Royal wife of the late Amir, who exercised great influence during the latter portion of Abdur Rahman's reign. The Amir is fully equal to the situation. The promptitude with which the arrests have been made has prevented dangerous developments, and already several men have been blown from the guns.

THE PHOENIX CLUB.

Owing to greater demands on our space on Saturday night we were only just able to mention the excellent performance given by "Dante," the Magician, and his talented wife, at the Phoenix Club on Thursday night last.

For the first time in the life history of the Club the premises were thrown open to the members' lady friends, who courteously responded by attending in goodly numbers and gracing the Club's hall by their presence.

The performance was decidedly clever, and though the representative committee chosen from the audience (who, by the way, were responsible for a considerable part of the amusement) tried their utmost to fathom the way some of the tricks were done, they were quite unable to do so.

The display of shadowgraphy given during the performance was by no means the least amusing, many of the pictures shown producing rounds of applause and peals of laughter.

As a final word, we congratulate the committee of the Club on the most successful and enjoyable evening they afforded and hope it will not be long before a similar entertainment is given.

THE COLONY'S FINANCES.

In the Hongkong Government *Gazette* there appears a detailed statement showing the Treasury's total receipts and expenditure for the year 1908. This is not of an altogether satisfactory character, for under a number of heads the estimates have not been realised, while the balance has shrunk from $393,541.38 at the beginning of the year to $138,605.97 at the close. There is a total revenue of $6,104,207.33, which falls below the estimates by $123,682.67.

Under the eight heads of revenue four have produced more than anticipated and a like number less than expected. Light dues brought in $79,975.68, which was $975.68 above the Colonial Treasurer's estimate; licences and internal revenue not otherwise specified yielded $4,154,968.56, no less than $31,761.44 under the sum contemplated; fees of Court or office realised $514,799.49, being $31,479.49 above the estimate; the Post Office revenue was $97,431.60 more than the $315,000.00 expected; rent of Government property, land, and houses brought in $783,091.80, which was $10,658.20 below the estimate; interest, which was anticipated to yield $1,000.00, is represented by a blank; miscellaneous receipts totalled $89,592.01, against $69,100.00 estimated; while land sales, which were put down as value for $300,000.00, only realised $69,358.19, a deficit of no less a sum than $230,641.81.

On the other side of the account the payments under fifteen heads have been more than estimated, whereas under only seven have they been less. In the former category Public Works Extraordinary show the greatest disparity, the estimate of $822,900.00 under this section being exceeded by $1,520,440.18; while in the opposite direction the disbursements in the Police and Prison Departments show the most satisfactory feature, the amount of $750,138.00 set aside under this head not being absorbed by $66,820.23.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr G. A. Caldwell has been appointed Acting Secretary of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., vice Mr T. I. Rose, resigned.

The Marchioness Townshend has not only written a one-act play, The Novice, which was to be performed recently at a charitable entertainment, but painted all the scenery herself, and acted as her own stage manager. The Marquis filled the office of prompter.

The Civil Court at Berlin on March 8 granted Baroness von Echardstein's petition for the dissolution of her marriage with Baron von Echardstein, formerly Secretary to the German Embassy in London. Baroness von Echardstein, it will be remembered, is the daughter of the late Sir Blundell Maple.

Mr C. M. Dyer, who has been making an expert and thorough examination of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s establishments with a view to making recommendations to the Directors which may tend to the more economical and efficient working of the Docks, left for Home on Friday, via Siberia.

THE CIVIL SERVICE C.C. NEW PAVILION.

The Civil Service C.C. new pavilion at Happy Valley, which has been erected since the last typhoon, is to be opened on Thursday by His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard. The premises comprise a club room, bar, dressing and bath rooms, costing about $3,500 and is a handsome addition to the other club's quarters at Happy Valley. A tennis match will follow the opening ceremony between members of the club and the masters of Queen's College. Subsequently a lawn bowls match will be held.

REFORMING AMERICA'S TARIFFS.

A HUNDRED AMENDMENTS TO BILL.

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LONDON, April 10.

The Washington House of Representatives has passed the Tariff Bill with one hundred amendments. Tea and coffee have been definitely placed on the free list.

THE BALKANS TROUBLE.

NEARING THE END.

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LONDON, April 10.

Austria has ordered the demobilisation of the troops in Bosnia and Southern Hungary.

LONDON, April 11.

The *Times* Vienna correspondent states that England, Italy and Germany yesterday recognised the annexation of Bosnia-Herzgovina by Austria-Hungary, and assented to the abrogation of Article 25 of the Berlin Treaty.

The annexation will be recognised by France and Russia to-day.

THE MOROCCAN TROUBLE.

FRESH DIFFICULTIES ARISING.

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LONDON, April 10.

The papers report that despite the Franco-German agreement, the German Consul at Fez has secured for a German firm mining concessions, thus threatening fresh difficulties.

HONOUR FOR RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR.

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LONDON, April 10.

The Tsar has conferred the Order of St. Anne (First Class) on M. Malewsky-Malewitch, the Russian Ambassador at Tokyo.

DEATH OF ALGERNON SWINBURNE.

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LONDON, April 10.

The death has occurred of Mr Algernon Swinburne, the well-known poet.

[Note—Poets if they survive the vicissitudes and privations of early youth, usually attain to a good old age. Mr. Algernon Charles Swinburne was no exception. He had reached 72 when he died. At the time of Tennyson's death, his only possible successor in the Poet Laureateship was Swinburne; he was head and shoulders above the rest of the then living singers of England. But Queen Victoria had never forgiven him for the republican sentiments to which he gave utterance in his green and salad days, while the very fleshly lore of his "Songs before Sunrise" was also abomination to her. So the honour that should have been his passed to that sober-paced mediocrity, Alfred Austen. Swinburne's poetical style was all his own and for dithyrambic fury unsurpassable; in his prose writings he was inclined to indulge too greatly in rodomontade, while of it came to discussing Shakespeare he applied the praise with a trowel. But nevertheless he was a fine critic, a clever man of letters, and a poet of the first order.—ED. C.M.]

MARION CRAWFORD'S DEATH.

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LONDON, April 10.

The death is announced of Francis Marion Crawford, the well-known novelist and historian.

Note.—Marion Crawford has succumbed to pneumonia at the comparatively early age of fifty-five. Born in Rome of American parents, he was a Roman of the Romans, as his many Italian novels testify. Educated in England, Germany and America he was quite undecided as to a profession when the loss of the family fortunes led him to accept the editorship of a paper at Allahabad. While there he acquired materials for "Mr Isaacs" and so great was the success which he achieved with this, his first novel, that it determined the future course of life for him. To many his "Saracinesca" cycle of novels make most appeal; others again prefer the "Katherine Lauderdale," series—one dealing entirely with Italian characters, the other reproducing American phases of life and character. Our own preference are for the Italian novel. Latterly however, the out-put from his pen, has been disappointing, the last three in particular being little better than pot boilers. As an historian Marion Crawford leaves behind him "Ave Roma Immoritalis" and "Salve Venetia," two works which bring back vividly to the reader's mind the mediæval glories of Italy and Venice. A skilful yachtsman, Marion Crawford held a master-marine's certificate, and the tales of his daring on the Italian coasts have almost passed into a proverb among the fisherfolk of Calabria. A loveable man, a healthy-minded observer of human nature, a shrewd critic and a delineator of character of great depth and sweetness, his loss will be greatly felt, and by none more than by his gifted sister, Mrs Hugh Fraser, the possessor herself of a charming literary style.—*Ed. C. M.*]

CASTRO OFF TO FRANCE.

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LONDON, April 12.

President Castro has put aboard a steamer bound for St. Nazaire, France.

FRENCH NAVAL CONCERNS.

UNPREPAREDNESS AND INADEQUACY.

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LONDON, April 12.

It is stated that a Parliamentary Commission to Toulon on visiting the battleships and ammunition factories were astounded at the unpreparedness of the Navy, the lamentable condition of the boilers and the inadequacy of the ammunition.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

For wounding another native a Chinaman was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, at the Magistracy, to-day.

Margarite Allemand, of 46 Cannaught Road, was fined $15, by Mr J. H. Kemp, at the Magistracy, to-day, for soliciting.

The native who stole a clock belonging to Mr P. P. Tiedemann, Russian Consul, was sentenced to twenty-four hours' detention and twelve strokes of the birch, at the Magistracy, to-day.

For returning from banishment a native was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and three hours stocks, at the Magistracy, to-day, and three months' hard labour for stealing some clothing.

Leopold Fischer, alias Louis Fraser, a shipping clerk in the firm of Messrs Blum, Meyer and Co., who was arrested by Detective Sergeant Wilden, on the s.s. Tjipanas, on arrival from Batavia, on a charge of forgery and embezzlement of nearly 10,000 guilders, was again brought before Mr J. H. Kemp, at the Magistracy, to-day, and remanded.

AMOY NOTES.

AMOY, April 8.

The Amoy Taotai left to-day for Foochow in the Japanese steamer Bujun Maru. A large crowd, composed of all classes of men assembled on the Bund shortly after 11 a.m. Many schools with brass bands in attendance marched up and down and there must have been well over 3,000 people all told. Everything was done in an orderly and quiet fashion. When the Taotai himself appeared innumerable crackers were let off, and at noon he boarded his boat and proceeded to the steamer.

This demonstration in honour of the Taotai's departure, showing his popularity with the people, is curious, because only two months ago, the Amoy papers were writing in disparaging terms about him, and his doings.

SPORT.

A Cricket match has been arranged between the Britomart and Amoy, to be played on Saturday.

An American Tennis Tournament is fixed for Saturday week for Mixed Doubles, and a good deal of interest is being aroused as this is the first Tournament of the year.

"RELIGION AND THE AVERAGE MAN."

ADDRESS BY DR WILDER.

A very large audience assembled at the Theatre Royal on Sunday evening to hear an address by Dr Amos P. Wilder, Consul General for America, on "Religion and the average man." This was Dr Wilder's last address before he leaves for home on a short holiday.

Mr P. Holyoak presided and was supported by Messrs J. L. McPherson, Elliott and Mohler.

A number of hymns were sung and Mr White was the accompanist.

Dealing with the subject from a layman's point of view, Dr Wilder was of the opinion that the sooner the churches put away denominationalism and accepted God as the God of all, the better it would be for the churches. Continuing Consul Wilder said:—Lives differ in richness—in the number of activities, in enjoyment. Religion promises to make life more abundant. When our bodies are starved, we are weak, inert, hopeless. So when a man's soul life has few or no correspondences with the world outside, when he is neither giving nor drawing strength, he starves. A pure and intelligent religion puts a man in touch with all things that are good; they become a part of his career, for the end of that man's efforts is to bring in the Kingdom of God. The topic of "life" was a favourite one with Jesus in his teachings; and what kindles us more? It is the one thing above all else we want. Death is the end, decay is hopeless. Death is terrible. So it isn't strange that the Teacher who promised life—even resurrection from the dead—should be so cherished by men. It isn't strange that his doctrines are called "the gospel,"—"good news." When will poor, struggling despairing men learn that there is hope, cheer, life itself in their religion, if they will but lay hold on it? I talked with a fellow countryman the other day to whom the teaching was real. With his New Testament opened at St. John he said in the feebleness of age, but with manly dignity: "Here I am, 87 years of age. My sight is failing, my hearing is failing. My bodily powers are obviously weaker each day. To human eyes I am going down into the grave. Yet in this book I read life—life, much about life. And it fills me with peace and hope; I go forward unafraid." In this is something real. It is the highest form of testimony. Let us cease regarding our religion as a thing lugubrious, to be put away from us. Let us rejoice in the glad fact that death with the other terrors that haunt men are all capable of being scattered in the mercy and love of God.

We all need greater abundance of life; we need to reflect on its opportunities. The business man who has no thought save on the things of the day is missing the point of life, for material things are but the foundation on which to lay the structure of higher manhood. He might enjoy the growth and great emotions of those who link up the world with things that fade not away. The pleasure-seeker impoverishes himself in the search for illusions, and in things that perish in the using. His soul might thrill with pure joys—love for his fellows watching institutions grow that shall relieve suffering and the oppressed, spreading the seeds of forces that shall go on for good and not for evil, long after he is gone. Many a woman finds social success empty; she, too, needs the abundant life, crowded not with transitory, disappointing excitement and cares, but with wholesome, inspiring interests.

Thoreau says the gladdest fact in the world is the opportunity before each one of us to recast his life, to reinforce it, to make it over. There is a law of growth and of cause and effect, but the regenerated life is too common to be questioned. Christian influence sometimes scores some marvellous changes, and is there not something miraculous in the turning of a person from all that is bad to things that are good? I recall one visitor, an earnest missionary. Nature had done little for him; he was undersized, his features were indeterminate; he evidently had a bad start from weak stock. Without religion operating upon him he would have been a bar-room loafer, a weakling soon to have gone down. The street corners at home are crowded with such. But he had enjoyed newness of life and some constructing spirit had built him up. He had dignity; his voice carried control and he looked the man, even his eye and face had taken on sterling quality. It was as if an old, defective, shabby, construction had been strengthened and reinforced to resist strain, and a facade of some beauty put upon it. There is no one of us that may not enrich and ennoble our lives. The method lies in thinking God's thoughts after him; in reverence, in "doing the will."

To give us strength for a stormy life, we need a motive power—a theory of life, a faith. Pride and ambition help us only to a certain point. If we fail, our treasures are on earth and melt away. If we succeed, the futility of the thing sickens us. Philosophy is interesting and beneficial, until we stand over the clay of a beloved child, and then we cry out for the living, in which stress philosophy gives us nothing. The Christian faith is the greatest motive power the world has yet known; it is alive with personality; there is no experience in life that it does not meet, and which we have not seen it meet.

The speaker proceeded to address the young men, reminding them of the possibilities of life. It may be, he said, a question how far we are the architects of our own fortune, but there are scarcely any limits to the self-control, the power that comes from it. The highest efficiency is what a young man needs; the things that hamper impair one's readiness for the duty at hand. Many a man who boasts he is free to do as he pleases, uses that freedom to take on fetters. There are spiritual laws as there are natural laws, and time does not hide our sins; they must find us out. Cold ethics operate feebly to control a man. Ethics is useful, but there must be the personal touch and motive to enable a young man to resist temptation, to fire his being with lofty purpose. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." If a man's heart is set on high things, conduct conforms. A man with a bad habit of life who goes out of this hall with good intentions will find that unless some power above his own animates him, he is very weak. Nobler ends must be substituted for lower; where there is an appetite for drink there must be a vision of freedom; where impurity reigns there must be substituted a hunger for righteousness. Men have long found in prayer and communion with God, and in the inspiration that Jesus brings into the life, the peace that lies over chaos and upbuild life and character.

It is inspiring to observe the error-breaking mission of Christian truth. Slavery has given way before it, and now the stronghold of alcohol is being attacked, both as old as the race. Christianity is more than a scheme of individual salvation; it is a means of the redemption of a world. I know nothing more important for a young man to believe than that truth must prevail and the evil go down. You can study this in the history of nations and in individual lives. To believe that shifty ways secure success is inevitably to fail in any calling worth striving for. There is in wrong-doing a germ of decay that unfailingly eventually wrecks the whole fabric. On the other hand, things wholesome, pure, right, come to their own, though the mills grind slowly. I recall being in New York at a very large gathering of monied men—some 600 of the kings of finance. It was a time when the great insurance companies were in their zenith of success, boastful, oppressive, arrogant. The millions poured into their coffers so easily that discretion was thrown to the winds; extravagance was the rule; magnificent banquets, private trains, and luxury were the order of the day. The movements of national finance hinged on the will of the insurance companies, and a few men controlled. Everyone felt there was rottenness in the system, but the grip of the few was so powerful, the policy-holder was so helpless, that there seemed no redress. But the thing was wrong; it had to go down,—it is in the nature of evil to ripen and decay. And lo, within six months, one clear-visioned, honest man, country-bred, trained in deep, spiritual things at the knee of an insignificant Baptist preacher's wife, struck a blow at the corrupt system, laid the iniquity bare, and sent a dozen uncrowned king of finance to suicide, prison or obscurity. Marvellous, this law of right coming to its own; a noble inheritance has the young man who believes in it with his heart and shapes his life and thought in that faith.

THE WARD COMEDY CO.

Opening Performance To-night.

Nothing remains to be said regarding the Ward Comedy season excepting that the opening performance to-night is advertised to begin at 9 o'clock sharp. A crowded house is expected and a real theatrical treat is promised. The company are passengers by the ss. Sumatra and the principal members will be guests of the King Edward Hotel.

EASTER DAY AT THE CHURCHES.

St. John's Cathedral.

Easter morning broke fine and clear but ere long clouded over, though no rain fell. The early communion services at St. John's Cathedral, at St. Andrew's, Kowloon, and elsewhere saw large congregations. The mid-day service at the Cathedral was well attended, and the music, despite the condition of the organ, was very bright. The Anthem was "Why seek ye" (Hopkins). Bishop Lander preached upon the significance of the Resurrection. At evensong the anthem was "Since by man came death" (Handel), and the preacher was the Rev. F. T. Johnson. The Cathedral as usual was decorated with a profusion of flowers.

Roman Catholic Cathedral.

The Roman Catholic Cathedral was gaily decorated on Easter Sunday; the main altar was richly dressed, and ornamented with the silvered busts of St. Gregorius, St. Agustin, St. Ambrosius, the Doctors of the Church, St. Charles Barromeo, bishop patron of the Mission. Artistic gilt flowers were conspicuously placed at the foot of twelve elegant nickel candle-sticks with candles lighted. The frontage was a magnificent embroidered screen, having on its centre a "Monstrance" surrounded by two angels, all embroidered in relief, the work of the Italian Convent. At the top corners of the altar the statues of two angels bearing each a thuribulum were prominent. On the gospel side a gigantic brass candlestick supported a beautiful candle, the diameter of which measured about 5 inches. This especial candle, the "Cereum Paschale," represented the figure of our Lord Jesus Christ. The chancel was decorated with special white linen lined with fine Italian lace. Just at 8 a.m. His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzoni with the Church body, and with the Rev. Fr. F. Noval, entered the sanctuary and the Mass commenced. The choir of St. Joseph's College, assisted by many ex-pupils, sang the "Kyrie Eleison" (of Querici) accompanied on the organ by Mr O. Baptista. The Bishop intoned the *Gloria in excelsis Deo*, which was responded to by the full choir. The Bishop also intoned the *Credo in unum Deum* and was responded to by the full choir, the music being by Paganni. *Et incarnatus est* was sung, while the congregation remained kneeling. The offertory *Benedicite gentes* was read by the Bishop, when the choir sang the anthem *Regina coeli lætare, Alleluia* (of Montpellier). The *Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus* followed, after the Pascal Preface.

The Bishop, after the *Sit nomen Deminum benedictum* administered his Pontifical Blessing. The principal soloists at the *Gloria in excelsis* were: *Laudamus te* by Mr A. Osmund (baritone). *Gratias agimus* by Mr H. de Figuiredo (tenor), *Quitollis* by Mr M. Baptista (mezzo-tenor). At the Credo, the *Et in unum Dominum* was sung by Master Baptista (soprano), *Et incarnatus est* by Mr M. Baptista, *Et spiritum sanctum* by a soprano. The Duo at *Agnus Dei* was sung with very good expression.

NEGRO BURNED AT THE STAKE.

A telegram from Rockwall (Texas) states that Anderson Ellis, a negro who attempted to assault a white women named Mrs McKinney, was taken out of gaol tied to an iron stake, and burned to death before the eyes of a large crowd. Ellis, who admitted his guilt, did not utter a cry, and showed no loss of nerve when the pile was fired.

SPORTING.

Cricket.

HONGKONG "A" v. HONGKONG "B."

The return match between these teams was played on Saturday afternoon when the scores were:—

HONGKONG "B."

T. E. Pearce, c Dashwood, b Waterhouse	53
S. Moore, c Maundrell, b Waterhouse	7
A. A. Claxton, c Enderson, b Turner	12
Capt Baird, c Edgell, b Maundrell	78
A. C. Elborough, b Waterhouse	10
H. D. Sharpin, c Houghton, b Waterhouse	10
H. Hancock, b Maundrell	37
A. O. Lang, c and b Maundrell	8
S. Logan, b Waterhouse	2
P. Jacks, c and b Maundrell	0
A. C. Leith, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	221

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Maundrell	14	1	86	4
Fowler	4	0	33	0
Waterhouse	13	0	52	5
Turner	4	0	44	1

HONGKONG "A."

W. H. Maundrell, c Claxton, b Sharpin	49
D. K. Anderson, b Sharpin	30
W. C. D. Turner, b Sharpin	3
A. E. Fowler, b Pearce	17
E. J. H. Houghton, c Baird, b Leith	13
A. P. Dashwood, b Pearce	0
E. C. Oliver, c Elborough, b Hancock	21
W. Waterhouse, b Pearce	8
J. Edgell, b Hancock	3
E. Irving, not out	5
F. K. Brownrigg, b Hancock	0
Extras	2
Total	151

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Baird	9	1	38	0
Sharpin	12	0	58	3
Pearce	5	0	19	1
Leith	6	0	22	2
Hancock	4	0	12	4

Interport Football at Swatow.

Mr A. R. Lowe, secretary of the Hongkong Cricket Club, received a telegram on Sunday stating that the football match between Swatow and Hongkong resulted in a win for Swatow by five goals to three. Mead scored two goals for Hongkong and Garratt one. Grimble was superb.

COMMERCIAL.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs Vernon and Smyth in their weekly share report under date April 8th state:—

Owing to the Easter holidays our report is issued a day earlier than usual. During the period under review our market has ruled somewhat quiet but steady at current rates, and a very fair investment business has been put through. At the close there is little or no pressure to sell, and in many cases there is considerable difficulty in obtaining supplies at quoted rates. Sterling exchange has remained steady during the interval, and closes at 1/8$\frac{1}{16}$d T.T. with Bar silver at 23$\frac{7}{16}$d. The T.T. rate on Shanghai has receded to 74$\frac{1}{2}$.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghais in the earlier part of the week fell to $910, at which rate a few shares were put through, but later the rate hardened to $920 with sales, the tendency at the close being toward further firmness. London has improved to £36.10.0. There is no change to report in Nationals which are still wanted at $51.

Marine Insurances.—Small sales of Unions at $850 are reported but at the close shares are procurable at $845. China Traders have improved to $90 and Yangtszes to 217\frac{1}{2}$, both closing in request. North China are wanted at Tls. 100 and it is probable that better could be done with shares actually in hand to offer. Sales of Cantons have again been effected at 187\frac{1}{2}$.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkongs under an unsatisfied demand have advanced to $320 after sales at $315. Chinas are easier with sales and sellers at $85.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton & Macaos have been booked at 29\frac{1}{2}$ and 29\frac{1}{2}$, closing firm at the former rate but with some sellers at the latter quotation. China and Manilas have been booked and are still wanted at $8. Douglas have seen buyers at $35 and Indos at $61 for the combined Preferred and Deferred shares after sales at that rate and at $60. Star Ferries can be placed at quotations, and Shell Transports at the improved rate of 55/6.

Refineries.—China Sugars have been booked at 137\frac{1}{2}$ and $135 and close with some shares offering at the former rate. Luzons are neglected with sellers at $17.

Mining.—There is no change to report in Charbonnages which are still in request at $600. Raubs have been booked at the reduced rate of $8, and are wanted.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been sold in considerable quantities at $80 and $81 closing steady. Kowloon Wharves close firm at $51 after sales at the rate, and at $50 and 50\frac{1}{2}$. Shanghai Docks, and Shanghai and Hongkew Wharves are locally unchanged at Tls. 85 and Tls. 162$\frac{1}{2}$ respectively.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have ruled quieter, and sales have been effected at $97. Kowloon Lands are wanted in a small way at $30, and Humphreys Estates at 8\frac{3}{4}$. Hongkong Hotels have hardened, and there are now buyers at $84. Shanghai Lands in the North have improved to Tls. 118.

Cotton Mills.—In the absence of telegraphic advice we quote the Northern mills under latest mail reports as follows:—Ewos Tls. 119, Internationals Tls. 93$\frac{1}{2}$, Laou Kung Mows Tls. 110, and Soy Chees Tls. 410. Hongkongs are still procurable at $9.

Miscellaneous.—Bells Asbestos are wanted at $10, and Campbell Moores at $9. Cements have been booked at $3.90 ex dividend, and China Borneos at $11.30 ex dividend. Electrics have sold and are still procurable at $193 and Ropes at $24. Ices have further receded, $170 with sales and sellers. Watkins have been done at $3 and Watsons at $9, both closing in further request. Powells have buyers at 9\frac{1}{2}$.

WARE SOUTH AFRICA.

Writing from Johannesburg on February 15th, a correspondent said:—

Matters are in a bad way in South Africa.

To such a pass have things come that it is possible to buy many things as cheap and cheaper than in London.

Wages are being reduced to the irreducible fraction, and unless one desires change of climate there is no more advantage in living here than at Home.

The future belongs to South Africa undoubtedly, and with the next generation it will offer a good opportunity for those with plenty of money to make more.

The white population is increasing rapidly from the active birth rate, and sufficient workers in all grades are to be found to-day at salaries below London.

If one could only stop the large numbers of people pouring into the place on account of the glowing accounts in certain sections of the Home Press, it would be a blessing to them and to the starving wretches who are walking about the streets to-day.

The atmosphere of hopefulness for the future cannot be translated into bed and meals to-day, but the most that can be said is that things are not worse than they were, and are likely to be better.

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Destinations.	Steamers.	Sailing Dates. 1909.
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	HITACHI MARU, Capt. Wm. Wade, Tons 6715	WEDNESDAY, 14th April, at Daylight.
	KANAGAWA MARU, Capt. J. Nagao, Tons 6169	WEDNESDAY, 28th April, at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., AND SEATTLE, Via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI AND YOKOHAMA	§ TANGO MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, Tons 7463	TUESDAY, 13th April, at Noon.
	§ AKI MARU, Capt. K. Sato, Tons 6444	TUESDAY, 27th April, at Noon.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, Via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE.	KUMANO MARU, Capt. N. Mathieson, Tons 5076	FRIDAY, 16th April, at Noon.
	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 3817	FRIDAY, 14th May, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI AND YOKOHAMA	‡ KAGESHIMA MARU, Capt. T. Arakawa, Tons 4687	FRIDAY, 16th April, a.m.
NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 3817	WEDNESDAY, 14th April, at Noon.
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† SHANGHAI	HINSANG	THURSDAY,	April 15, at Noon.
* MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY,	April 16, at 4 P.M.
*† SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	NAMSANG	TUESDAY,	April 20, at 4 P.M.
* MANILA	YUENSANG	FRIDAY,	April 23, at 4 P.M.
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MANILA	TAMING	April	13, at 3 p.m.
CEBU & ILOILO	KAIFONG	April	14, at 4 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI & TIENTSIN	HUICHOW	April	14, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	LINAN	April	15, at 4 p.m.
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Hongkong, April 8, 1909. 499

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Hongkong, April 5, 1909. 479

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Notices to Consignees

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship *Catherine Apcar* having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Cargo will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense. Cargo remaining on board after 6 P.M., of the 13th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of cargo from Singapore and Penang are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LD., *Agents.*

Hongkong, April 10, 1909. 501

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER *PERA*.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 Hours.

Goods not cleared by the 15th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, *Superintendent.*

Hongkong, April 10, 1909. 510

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN & MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship KOREA.

The above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will be discharged at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after SATURDAY, April 10th, 1909, at Noon will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All cargo undelivered THURSDAY, April 15th, 1909, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godowns on TUESDAY, April 13th, 1909, at 10 A.M.

S. SILVERSTONE, *Agent.*

Hongkong, April 8, 1909. 493

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship BULOW, having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited's Kowloon and West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 14th of April, 1909, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th of April, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 18th of April, 1909, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., *General Agents.*

Hongkong, April 7, 1909. 498

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J. R. M. SMITH, *Chief Manager.*

Hongkong, February 20, 1909. 63

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

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J. R. M. SMITH, *Chief Manager.*

Hongkong, January 12, 1909. 1517

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On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %
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WM. DICKSON, *Manager.*

Hongkong, April 6, 1909. 64

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PAID-UP CAPITAL } ...fl. 45,000,000 ($18,750,000).
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J. L. VAN HOUTEN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, July 17, 1908. 14

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL PAID-UP .....Gold $8,250,000
about Mex. $7,222,222.
RESERVE FUND .....Gold 13,250,000.
about Mex. $11,597,222.

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Banks.

THE MERCHANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000
PAID UP ..... £ 562,500
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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balances.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months ..... 4 %
" 6 " ..... 3½ %
" 3 " ..... 3 %

EVAN ORVIS, *Manager.*

Hongkong, April 22, 1909. 43

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... ... Yen 4,000,000
RESERVE FUND 14,800,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

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ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months.....5% per annum.
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TAKEO TAKAMICHI, *Manager.*

Hongkong, March 22, 1909.

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Hongkong, March 12, 1909.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.....Every 30 minutes.
7.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.....Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.....Every 15 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.....Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.....Every 15 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.....Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.....Every 15 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.....Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.....Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.....Every 15 minutes.
8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.....Every 30 minutes.

EVERY DAY.

9.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.....Every 30 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.....Every 20 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.....Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.....Every 15 minutes.
11.45 a.m. to 12 Noon.....Every 15 minutes.
12.00 Noon to 2.00 p.m.....Every 15 minutes.
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.....Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.....Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.....Every 15 minutes.
8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.....Every 30 minutes.

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THE RECRUITING BOOM.

In the Commons, on March 4 the Secretary for War made his customary statement on the motion to go into Committee of Supply on the Army Estimates. Mr Haldane said the Regular Army was becoming a much more popular occupation, and the Territorial Force, thanks to the recruiting boom, now stood at over 240,000 out of an establishment of 313,000, London coming third in the list of percentages with 80 per cent. In fact, he assured the House the movement had established a bulwark between the country and compulsory service. Dealing with details of organisation, Mr Haldane sketched a number of changes, including a proposal, based on a German model, for establishing a reserve of trained, but "partly-boarded-out," horses. He stated further that Sir William Nicholson had worked out a complete scheme of organisation by which the risk of successful invasion would be reduced to a minimum; and that two howitzer brigades are to be added to the artillery.

To-day's Advertisements

LOST.

ON Saturday, 10th inst., either on the Peak Tram (3.45 p.m.) between Bowen Road and Plantation Road Stations, or at the Peak between Plantation Road Tram Station and 'The Ridge,' a GOLD BAMBOO BRACELET.

Finder will be rewarded on returning same to the CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Hongkong, April 12, 1909. 508

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have this day REMOVED our Offices to No. 14, DES VŒUX ROAD, formerly occupied by Messrs Shewan, Tomes & Co.

ARRATOON V. APCAR & Co.

Hongkong, April 10, 1909. 507

REMOVAL.

PO CHEUNG, the Best and Oldest Established Gold and Silver Smith, Watchmaker, Jeweller and Engraver, will REMOVE his Store from No. 24, Haiphong (Old Elgin Road), Kowloon, to No. 56, of the same Street, on 12th April. Patrons are courteously invited to call and inspect the Stock in the New Premises.

PO CHEUNG.

Kowloon, April 12, 1909. 509

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship
TONKIN,
Captain CHARBONNEL, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 12th instant, at 5.30 p.m.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 12, 1909. 505

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER TONKIN.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from LONDON ex s.s. *Cordouan & Charente*; from HAVRE ex s.s. *Cordouan*; from BORDEAUX ex s.s. *Ville d'Arras*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 11 A.M., To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 19th April, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 19th April, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 19th April, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 12, 1909. 506

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, April 10, 1909.

On London—	
Bank Wire	1/8⅞
,, On demand,	1/8⅞
,, 30 days' sight	1/8⅞
,, 4 months' sight	1/9
Credits, 4 months' sight,	1/9⅛
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/9⅛
On Paris—	
On demand,	219
Credits, 4 months' sight,	223
On Berlin—	
On demand,	178
On New York—	
On demand,	42⅞
Credit, 60 days' sight,	43⅜
On Bombay—	
Wire,	130⅝
On demand,	131¼
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	130⅝
On demand,	131¼
On Singapore—	
On demand,	74⅛
On Manila—	
On demand,	85¼
On Shanghai—	
On demand,	74⅛
30 days' sight, (private paper)	75⅛
On Yokohama—	
On demand,	84¼
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	$59.90
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$11.35
Silver (per oz.)	27⅛
Bar Silver in Hongkong	5½p.
Chinese Copper Cash	1½p.
Copper Cents	17 dis.
Rate of Native Interest	4 %p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	7½dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	7⅞dis.

Correspondence for EUROPE via SIBERIA, is forwarded from HONGKONG by all vessels sailing for SHANGHAI.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalny and Siberia.

16th April	at 8.15 p.m.
23rd April	at 9.45 a.m.
28th April	at 8.15 p.m.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Mails will Close :—

For HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG.
Per *Singan*, at 8 a.m., on Tuesday, the 13th April.

For SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & SEATTLE.—
Per *Tango Maru*, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 13th April.

For BANGKOK.—
Per *Machew*, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the 13th April.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
Per *Haitan*, at noon, on Tuesday, the 13th April.

For MACAO.—
Per *Sui Tai*, at 1.5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 13th April.

For MANILA.—
Per *Taming*, at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, the 13th April.

For CALCUTTA.
Per *Kutsang*, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 13th April.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & COLOMBO.—
Per *Hitachi Maru*, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 13th April.

For SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK.—
Per *Trintau*, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 13th April.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.—
Per *Ischia*, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 14th April.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
Per *Yawata Maru*, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 14th April.

For CEBU & ILOILO.—
Per *Kaifong*, at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, the 14th April.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Caledonien* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 13th April, with Mails for the United Kingdom, the Continent of Europe, and places beyond, *via Marseilles*; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Madras, the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

Printed Matter and Samples at 10 a.m.
Registration at 10 a.m.
Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.
Registration, Kowloon B.O., 10 a.m. No late fee.
Letters at 11 a.m.
Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.

(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Korea* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 13th April, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, United States, Canada, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:

Printed Matter and Samples at 10 a.m.
Registration at 10 a.m.
Registration, with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.45 a.m.
Registration, Kowloon B.O., 10 a.m. No late fee.
Letters at 11 a.m.
Supplementary Mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.

BALMORAL HOTEL.

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Mr Hil
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Mr J. M. Jenkins
Mr W. S. Kerr
Mr [illegible] Khoury
Inspector and Mrs MacDonald
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Master C. MacDonald
Mr Joe Michel
Mr T. M. Munday
Mr M. Reopsley and two servants
Mr G. H. Rose
Mr and Mrs C. Walsh
Mrs A. E. Wright

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

April 11.

Linan, British str., 1,352, C. C. Williams, Shanghai April 8, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Haitan, British str., 1,163, J. S. Roach, Foochow, Amoy and Swatow April 10, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LD.

Kiukiang, British steamer, 1,122, Robertson, Wuhu April 6, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Koh-si-chang, German steamer, 1,292, C. Rosielsky, Bangkok April 3, Rice and Teakwood.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Kwang Lee, Chinese steamer, 1,468, Froberg, Shanghai April 8, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Taming, British steamer, 1,350, A. Sommerville, Cebu April 7, Hemp.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Pitsanulok, German steamer, 1,267, Reimers, Bangkok and Swatow April 10, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Tientsin, British str., from Canton.

Chiyuen, Chinese str., from Canton.

April 12.

Yawata Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,366, T. Sekine, Melbourne via Manila April 9, Copper, Sleepers, &c.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Tonkin, French str., 3,084, Charbonnel, Marseilles March 14, and Saigon April 9, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Caledonien, French str., 2,540, Bruno, Yokohama April 3, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Hanyang, British steamer, 1,027, Trowbridge, Wuhu April 7, Salt.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Sumatra, British steamer, 2,976, E. W. Bruce, Yokohama April 1, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

April 11.

Daigi Maru, for Swatow.
Kamor, for Haiphong.
Empress of Japan, for Shanghai for Vancouver.
Derwent, for Saigon.
Chunsang, for Moji.
Haimun, for Swatow.
Laertes, for Saigon.
Sexta, for Amoy.
Siam, for Antung.
Pera, for Shanghai.
Totomi Maru, for Kobe.
Marie, for Tsingtau.
Hupeh, for Tsingtau.
Tjipanas, for Shanghai.
Holstein, for Newchwang.
Chenan, for Shanghai.
Standard, for Canton.
Kiukiang, for Canton.
Bedford, British cruiser, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Linan*, from Shanghai, Mr and Mrs A. M. Graham, and Dr Brendel.

Per *Yawata Maru*, from Sydney, &c.: for Hongkong, Mr Clemons, Mr J. Smith, Dr McGregor, Mr Heming, Mr E. Hooper, Mrs Hamilton and child; for Nagasaki, Miss M. Yoshikawa, Miss A. Yamashita, and Mr H. Nakagawa; for Kobe, Mr Bradshaw, Miss K. Kerr, Miss P. Toohey, Miss M. Toohey, Vice-Consul H. Kerne, and Mr W. P. Peake; for Yokohama, Admiral Sir Harry H. Rawson, Miss Rawson, Mr Wyatt Robinson, Sir Robert L. Lucas-Tooth, Lady L. Lucas-Tooth, Miss V. Lucas-Tooth, Mr L. Lucas-Tooth, Mrs Pearse, Miss Carr, Mr Baxter Bruce, Mrs Sanders and child, Miss Sanders, Miss Austin, Mr and Mrs W. Buckingham, Misses Buckingham (2), Miss W. Buckingham, Mr Buckingham, Mrs and Miss Worsp, Mr and Mrs Bostock, Dr and Mrs Marmaduk Rose, Miss Gatehouse, Mr and Mrs R. G. Robertson, Mr and Mrs Paterson, Mr and Mrs Collins, Mrs J. F. Smith, and Mrs H. C. Egbert, Mr J. F. Weise, Miss R. Robinson, Mr C. Mayes, Miss R. Sheriff, Mr and Mrs W. A. Stokes and child, and Miss H. Ral.

DEPARTED.

Per *Empress of Japan*, for Vancouver, &c., Lady Lugard and maid, Admiral and Mrs Hewett, Mrs McAllister, Mr and Mrs Coradine, Mr H W. Andrews, Mr M. C. Collis, Mrs H. E. Braughton, Mrs Ada Cameron, Miss E. A. Churchill, Mrs Southgate, Miss Findlay, Miss Moore, Mr F. J. Lloyd, Judge Wializanus, Mr East, Mrs and Miss Cox, Mr and Mrs Hamilton Price, Mr T. Godman, Mr and Mrs Stone, Major Palmer, Mr and Mrs Adams, Mr A. H. Jukes, Mr R. H. Lightfoot, Mr H. A. Martin, Miss Gearon, Mrs Creyhe, Col. Wyatt, Mr and Mrs Jas. Cousens, Mr and Mrs Samuels, Messrs Wm. Gaskell, Wm. Carrie, D. Roberts, H. U. Jeffries, Mrs F. J. Horne, Mr Vanier, Mr Meyers, Mr and Miss Forbes Lempill, Mr Jas. G. Porter, Mr Jas. Porter, Miss W. S. Herdman, Miss K. Campbell, Rev. and Mrs D. G. Cock and child, Miss H. Spicer, Miss C. Spicer, Mr and Mrs A. H. Hylanch, Miss A. Pond, Miss Grayum, Miss Stewart, Mr and Mrs Patching, Mrs Simon Leiser, Messrs H. Leiser, Harr, E. H. Wilson, Anderson, Murray Stewart, Fini, J. H. Hall, Mrs Mary Zell, Miss Culberth, Mr A. Legros, Mr H. Wronech, Mr and Mrs Jno. Smith, Mr and Mrs Swift, Mr and Mrs Malladien, Miss Malladien, Mr Gaisford, Miss Burdett, Miss B. Davies, Mr and Miss Bell, Mrs and Miss Windeyer, Mrs F. Wilson, Mr A. J. Armitage, Mr H. Barnicott, Mrs Leo C. Foster, Mr and Mrs J. Rogers, Messrs W. A. H. Wilson, E. T. Hall, A. Ellis, W. P. Maclay, Mr and Mrs Ritchie, Mr and Mrs Lincoln, Capt. H. O. Cutler, Mr and Mrs Woollan and maid, Capt. Corrie, Mrs Cozzini, Messrs F. Lawrance, M. J. Toomey, D. Thacker, C. R. Hartley and Linton.

Hongkong Tides.

The tide table given below has been compiled at the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the soundings in the Admiralty Charts which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 6 inches to the height given in the table.

April 13th to 19th, 1909.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	HIGH WATER. Hongkong Mean Time	HIGH WATER. Height	LOW WATER. Hongkong Mean Time.	LOW WATER. Height
		h. m.	feet.	h. m.	feet.
Tues.	13	No inferior 1 44 a	high 6.5	nor low 10 56 a	water 1.9
Wed.	14	No inferior 2 15 a	high 6.5	nor low 11 56 a	water 1.5
Thur.	15	No inferior 4 50 a	high 6.5	nor low	water
Fri.	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sat.	17	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun.	18	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mon.	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

March 9, *Aragonia, Benvorlich, China* (Aus.) *Bombay Maru, Syd ey.*

March 16, *Benavon, Glenlochy, Kennebec, Silesia.*

March 19 *Bankarig, Glaucus, Myrmidon, Wakasa Maru.*

March 26, *Scandia, Kintuck, Somali, Yunnan.*

March 30, *Derfflinger, Benarty, Hirano Maru, Canton, Cossack.*

April 2, *Headley, Agamemnon, F. F. Ferdinand, Polyphemus, Slavonia, Suevia, Spreewald, Awa Maru, Moyune, Silesia,* (Aus.), *Constantia.*

April 6, *Wray Castle, Sado Maru, Nore, Palermo, Pathan.*

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

April 6, *Devonian, Carnarvonshire, Pakling.*

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

Mails.

The Imp. German Mail s.s. *Manila* left Sydney on Sunday, the 8th April, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 30th April.

Expected.

The steamship *Rubi* left Manila on Saturday, the 10th April, and is due here on or about Monday, the 12th April, at 6 p.m.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Hitachi Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 9th April, and is expected here on the 12th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kumano Maru* (Australian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 9th April, and is expected here on the 13th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kagoshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 7th April, and is expected here on the 14th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Mayori Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 8th April, and is expected here on the 27th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Wakasa Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 9th April, and is expected here on the 15th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Aki Maru* (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 9th April, and is expected here on the 18th April.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Namsang* from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 8th April.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. *Sungkiang* is expected to leave Iloilo on the 13th April, and is due here on the 17th April.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Kumsang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 6th April and may be expected here on or about the 22nd April.

The G. N. s.s. *Minnesota* arrived at Yokohama on Sunday 4th April; she will leave Yokohama on the 7th April for Hongkong, via Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Manila, and may be expected here on or about 24th April.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. *Taiyuan* left Sydney on April 3rd, and is due here on April 26th.

Latest Advices.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. *Anhui* left Shanghai on the 11th April, and is due here on the 14th April.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. *Nanchang* left Newchwang on the 6th April, and is due here on the 14th April.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Assaye* left Singapore for this port on the 10th April, at 11 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 15th April, at about 7 a.m.

The T. K. K. s.s. *Nippon Maru* sailed from Yokohama on the 8th April for this port via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai and may be expected here on 17th April.

The Imp. German Mail s.s. *Derfflinger* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 24th March, left Colombo on Sunday, the 11th April, a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 22nd April.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Monteagle* left Vancouver on Thursday, the 8th April, p.m. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of China* arrived at Nagasaki at 3 p.m. on Sunday, the 11th April, and left again at 11 p.m. on the same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 13th April.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. *Kueichow* from Tientsin, left Weihaiwei on the 8th April for Swatow, and is due here on the 15th April.

The Ben Line steamer *Benavon* from Middlesbro, Antwerp and London, left Singapore on 9th April for this port.

The H. A. L. s.s. *Silesia* left Singapore on the 9th April, a.m., and may expected here on or about the 15th April, a.m.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
Australian Ports	Eastern (s)	Gibb Livingston & Co.	Apr. 28, at noon.
B'bay, v S'pore, Penang	Colombo Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 13, p.m.
Boston & New York.	Dacre Castle (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Apr. 20.
Cebu & Iloilo	Kaifong (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Apr 14, at 4 p.m.
Calcutta	Kutsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Apr. 14, at 4 p.m.
Europe, &c.	Goeben (s)	Melchers & Co.	Apr. 21, at Noon.
Fiume, Trieste, &c.	Austria (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	April 27.
Genoa, Mar., L'don, &c	Miyazaki Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	About May 5.
Hoihow & Haiphong	Singan (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Apr. 13, at 9 a.m.
Java	Tjiliwong (s)	Java-China-Japan Lijn	1st half April.
Kobe and Yokohama	Wakasa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Apr. 17, Daylight.
London, &c.	Devanha (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Apr. 17, at Noon.
Havre B'men & H'burg	Ambria (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	April 20.
Marseilles, London &c.	Hitachi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Apr. 14, Daylight.
Mar., L'don, A'erp &c	Sumatra (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Apr. 14.
Mar., London & A'werp	Glamorganshire (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	About April 10.
Marseilles, v. Saigon.	Caledonien (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Apr. 13, at 1 p.m.
Manila	Loongsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Apr. 16, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Rubi (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Apr 17 at Noon.
Manila	Taming (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Apr. 13, at 3 p.m.
Manila	Tean (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Apr. 20, at 3 p.m.
Manila, A'lian Ports	Kumano Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Apr 16, at noon.
Manila, A'lian Ports.	Prinz Sigismund (s)	Melchers & Co.	Apr. 23, at 10 a.m.
N'saki, Kobe & Y'hama	Yawata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Apr. 14, at Noon.
Ningpo and Shanghai.	Tientsin (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Apr. 12, at 4 p.m.
New York v. Suez Canal	Indramayo (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co	About Apr. 30.
R'terdam & Hamburg	Nicomedia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	April 28.
San Francisco v. Japan	Korea (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	April 13, at Noon.
San F'cisco via Japan	Nippon Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	April 24 at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Siberia (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	May 4, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	China (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	May 11, at Noon.
Seattle, v. S'hai, Japan	Minnesota (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	May 6, at Noon.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Tonkin (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Apr. 12, at 5 p.m.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Silesia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	April 16.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Scandia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	April 27.
S'tow, Amoy & Tamsui	Daigin Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Apr. 16 at 10 a.m.
S'tow, Amoy & Anping	Shoshu Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Apr. 14, at 8 a.m.
Shanghai	Tjipanas (s)	Java-China-Japan Lijn	1st half April.
Shanghai	Kwongsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Apr. 13, at Noon.
Shanghai	Hinsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Apr. 15, at Noon.
Shanghai	Anhui (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Apr. 18, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Linan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 15, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Assaye (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 15.
S'hai, N'ki, Kobe, Y'ma	Derfflinger (s)	Melchers & Co.	About April 21.
S'pore, P'ang & B'bay	Ischia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	Apr. 14, at Noon.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Y'm	Namsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Apr. 20, at Noon.
S'pore, P'ang & C'cutta	Fooksang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Apr. 26, at 4 p.m.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Haitan (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Apr. 13, at 1 p.m.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Haiyang (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Apr. 16, at Noon.
South American Line	America Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha.	About Apr. 14.
Victoria, B.C., Seattle	Tango Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Apr. 13, at Noon.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Aymeric (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Apr. 24
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Suveric (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ld.	About June 3.
Vancouver, (BC.), &c	Empress of China (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	May 2, at 6 a.m.
Vancouver (B.C.) &c.	Monteagle (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	May 11, at Noon.
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Empress of India (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	May 25, at 6 a.m.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS

April 10, 1909.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	120,000	$ 125	all	$920 £86.10
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£ 7	£ 6 $ 50	$51, buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 250 $ [illegible]	$ 25	$187½ $90, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	£ 15	£ 5	Tls. 100, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 100	$845, sellers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	10,000			
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	12,000	$ 100	$ 60	$217½, buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	20	$105, sales & sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	$ 250	50	$320
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 50	all	$80
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	18,000	$ 25	$ 25	$12, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	10,000	$ 6¼	$ 6¼	$9½, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Eng. Co., Ld.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 84
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 25	$ 25	$8, sales & buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	$ 50	all	$35, buyers
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	$ 15	$ 15	$29½, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Ltd.	60,000	£ 5	all	$40, $20, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	10,000 10,000	$ 10 $ 10	$ 10 $ 5	$23½ $15
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	2,000,000	£ 1	£ 1	56/6 buyers
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,600	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 45
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Ld.	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 50
do. Preference.	100,000			Tls. 52½
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$ 100	all	$137½, sellers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$ 100	all	$17, sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ld.	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 126½, buyers
WHARVES.				
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	60,000	50	all	$51
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 162½
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 100	100	$97, sales
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 118
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$ 50	$ 30	$30
Wei-hai-wei Land & Building Co.	3,674	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 9
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	150,000	$ 10	all	$8.75, sales
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$ 50	$ 50	$44, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
The Peak Tramways Co., Ltd.	25,000 60,000	$ 10 $ 10	all $ 1	$14 $2
MINING.				
Société Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	$600, buyers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£ 1	18/10	$8, buyers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	$ 50	all	$84, buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hai)	80,000	$ 45	$ 25	$18½
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	$ 10	$ 10	$9
Watkins Limited	10,000	$ 10	$ 10	$3½, buyers
LIGHTING.				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£ 10	all	$210, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 115
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	$ 10	$ 10	$19½, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	400,000	$ 10	10	$8.90, ex div, sales & sellers
H.K. Milling, Co. Ld., in Liquidation	10,000	$ 100	$ 100	Nominal
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	3,604	£ 12/6	12/6	$10, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	4,000 ordy 100 fders	$ 10 $ 10	$ 4 $ 10	$12½ $230
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	60,000	$ 10	$ 10	$10, sales
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	25,000	$ 7½	$ 6	$14½, sales
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$ 25	all	$170, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	$ 50	$ 50	59, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	16,850	£ 20	£ 20	Tls. 437½
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld	60,000	$ 10	all	$24, sales & sellers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld	125,000	$ 10	$ 10	$9, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 119
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Limited	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 93½
Laou Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 110
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co. Ld.	[illegible],000	Tls. 500	Tls. [illegible]	Tls. 410
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Limited	200,000	$ 10	$ [illegible]	[illegible], sellers
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	$ 12	$ [illegible]	$ 1.30, xdiv, sales & sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$ 10	all	$9, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	12,000 3,000	$ 7	$ 7	$9½, buyers
South China Morning Post	6,000	$ 25	$ 25	$24, sellers
China Light and Power Company	50,000 50,000	$ 10 $ 1	$ 10 $ 1	[illegible]
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	$ 5	$ 5	[illegible]
Weissmann Limited	175	$ 150	$ 100	$140
CIGAR COMPANIES.				
Philippine Co., Limited	87,500	$ 10	$ 10	$8
Alhambra Limited	300	$ 500	$ 50	Nominal

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1895 x Tls.	767,350	Tls. 250	7 % p. annum	Par.

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